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WASHINGTON, April 15, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 10 totaled an estimated 15.3 billion ton-miles, 7.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 240.4 billion ton-miles, 11.1 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 10 totaled 353,768 cars, 6.7 percent below 1981 and 8.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 10.7 percent in the East reflecting to the coal mine workers' strike in 1981, but down 8.6 percent in the South and 15.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. All of the 21 groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 3 totaled 37,719 cars, up 11.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 63,519 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first fourteen weeks of the year was 484,243 cars, 8.4 percent higher than last year, and 848,986 trailers and/or containers, up 4.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/10/82

| | Loadings in Week ended April 10, 1982 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1981 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,943 | I | 488 | 2.0 | D | 2,774 | 10.0 |
| Other farm products | 2,805 | D | 901 | 24.3 | D | 502 | 15.2 |
| Metallic ores | 19,344 | D | 8,468 | 30.4 | D | 1,356 | 6.6 |
| Coal | 113,570 | I | 54,417 | 92.0 | D | 757 | 0.7 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 8,931 | D | 5,442 | 37.9 | D | 555 | 5.9 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,072 | D | 4,807 | 34.6 | D | 1,364 | 13.1 |
| Grain mill products | 11,020 | D | 3,499 | 24.1 | D | 1,539 | 12.3 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,887 | D | 3,464 | 22.6 | D | 2,021 | 14.5 |
| Primary forest products | 14,655 | D | 4,748 | 24.5 | D | 850 | 5.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 5,629 | D | 3,364 | 37.4 | D | 759 | 11.9 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 15,665 | D | 3,949 | 20.1 | D | 2,011 | 11.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 21,491 | D | 5,983 | 21.8 | D | 2,755 | 11.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,314 | D | 923 | 17.6 | D | 394 | 8.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 9,253 | D | 5,826 | 38.6 | D | 1,370 | 12.9 |
| Coke | 5,145 | D | 1,164 | 18.4 | D | 217 | 4.0 |
| Metals and products | 9,353 | D | 7,694 | 45.1 | D | 2,683 | 22.3 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 13,006 | D | 5,820 | 30.9 | D | 2,586 | 16.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 7,631 | D | 6,337 | 45.4 | D | 956 | 11.1 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 8,074 | D | 2,151 | 21.0 | D | 1,701 | 17.4 |
| All other carloads | 37,782 | D | 5,601 | 12.9 | D | 4,769 | 11.2 |
| LCL traffic | 198 | D | 35 | 15.0 | D | 10 | 4.8 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 353,768 | D | 25,271 | 6.7 | D | 31,929 | 8.3 |
| Corresponding week of 1981 | 379,039 | | | | | | |

| | 1982 | 1981 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (15 weeks) | 5,568,024 | 6,392,951 | D 12.9 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 14 Weeks cumulative | 225.1 | 253.9 | D 11.3 |
| Week ended April 10 | 15.3 | 16.5 | D 7.2 |
| 15 Weeks cumulative | 240.4 | 270.3 | D 11.1 |

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